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Fine Chickens.

R. L. Turner attended the poultry show at Bowling Green, Mo., and brought home eight white Plymouth Rock chickens that had taken six ribbons. All of them scored over 93 out of a possible 100 points. There were 700 chickens entered at the show.

Paris Lost Ont.

The city authorities of Paris dismissed the suit in the circuit court against W. T. Hart. The costs are to be paid by the city. The case grew out of the refusal of Mr. Hart to pay \$150 license levied against him as a transient merchant when he brought a stock of goods to Paris last summer. City attorney J. R. Reynolds represented the plaintiff, and Hon. J. H. Whitecotton the defendant.—Paris Appeal.

Try To Impeach.

Attorney Gen. Rayner will make an effort to put Ramsey and Benham in the hole so deep that will never see daylight. He in speaking of their verdict against Admiral Schley says: Schley's evidence was ignored, that many of his witnesses was not considered. "The greatest malfactor in the land under the constitution is entitled to have his evidence considered and passed upon." An effort will be made to impeach the majority of the court and if it is successful it will be a hot time for the Navy Department and its Secretary.

Take This Home.

We take great pleasure in publishing all church news, but are too busy to make a "special hunt" for it. If you are not interested enough in your own church to give us items concerning it, don't be disappointed if it is not mentioned so often as others. We gladly publish every news item that is given us.—Madison Times.

Queer but true, it is more easy to collect three or four columns of society, personal or local news than of religious or church news. It is a snap to pump the secrets out of a politician compared with getting a church item from a deacon. Guess it is so good they want to keep it. And yet there is no omission in a newspaper that is criticized so unjustly and severely by church people. If you have ever done any "kicking" take this home to yourself.

Oklohoma, the place of sunshine and flowers—its boast—is figuring on a loss of 10 per in cattle caused by the cold wave.

The preachers who whooped it up for Seth Low and reform are now invited to enjoy themselves in wide open Sunday saloons. Probably when they can find an adequate kicking machine they will back up against it.—Atlanta Constitution.

Stock Sold Well.

Mr. Fuqua, of Monroe, passed through Hannibal yesterday evening enroute home from the J. M. Gentry stock sale. He reported that every thing offered sold readily at good prices.—Hannibal Journal

The Portland train was so late Wednesday that the Denver train relieved it of its dinner car at this point instead of at the Palmyra Junction.

John Dawson, who is a student of a veterinary college in Kansas City, blew in Thursday morning for the holidays and won't a school marm smile.

Coals to New Castle and potatoes from Ireland. Just think of it. Most of the potatoes received in New York City during the past three weeks have come from Ireland.

Mrs. C. O. Mayes and children left Thursday for La Grange to visit her sister, Mrs. Marion Skinner. Before leaving Mrs. Mayes shipped her household goods to Hannibal where they will make their future home.

In writing of the DEMOCRAT'S Holiday Number the Madison Times says: "Congratulations brother." There it is again. Try ever so hard and faithfully we can't get closer to the dear girls than "brother."

The tariff is placed or steal to protect American manufacturers principally from England. The American locomotive builders have just secured an order from Burmah for twenty engines at prices 20 per cent below those of English manufacture.

Miss Olivia Brown is spending the week with St. Louis friends. She started on her trip last week but got no further than the Joe depot because the trains were so late that she decided to remain at home and take a fresh start the next morning.

H. A. Warinner came in Thursday morning from Alton, Ill., where he has a good position. He wanted to see Santa Claus at home. By the way, he is one of the kind that knows the printer cannot live on wind if he is windy, therefore squarred up and placed himself on record as being one year ahead. His Xmas will be happy because he knows he warmed the heart of others.

Speaking of the Admiral Schley investigation, Gen Nelson A. Miles commanding General of the U. S. Army said, "I have no sympathy with the efforts which have been made to destroy the honor of an officer under such circumstances." It begins to look as though things were narrowing down around the Secy of the Navy as well as Admiral Sampson and squint-izzle Maclay.

This government raised a terrible howl over the Spanish reconcentrado camps in Cuba, but offers no protest to the British camps in South Africa. If the outrage performed in South Africa is none of our business, then those in Cuba should have been none of our business, but, hold on, the Spanish were weak, the English strong. Has this government become cowardly?

With due solemnity the Palmyra papers announce: The court house clock is now in running order and hourly announces the time.—We wonder if it keeps slow time so as not to outrun the town.

SAMPSON NOT IN THE FIGHT.

To The Brooklyn, Oregon and Schley The Credit For The Victory Is Due.

New York, Dec. 18.—Capt. Diaz Moren, who commanded the Colon at the battle of Santiago, says that Admiral Sampson could take no active part in the fight because his ship was 12 miles to the west of Santiago harbor when the Spanish squadron appeared, while Admiral Schley, with the Brooklyn flying his pennant, and the Iowa, were close to the mouth of the harbor. A dispatch from Madrid says that Moren adds:

"Both warships fought the Maria Teresa, which seven minutes afterward was afire. My ship, the Colon, appeared then, firing her larboard guns against the Iowa, which, not moving quickly enough, would have been sunk by the Colon had not the Brooklyn engaged us so quickly. Evidently the credit of the first part of the battle, during which the Maria Teresa and the Vizcaya were placed hors de combat, belongs to Schley, as well as the second part, during which the Colon fought alone against the Brooklyn and the Oregon. I think Admiral Dewey's praise to Schley is just. It does not diminish Admiral Sampson's glory, to whom as supercommander was due the positions of the ships held in the line of the blockade and without whose instructions the result might be seen in another light."

Weldon Seward and T. W. Finnegan, two nice young men whose former home was near Clapper, but, who for the past three years have been at Butte, Mont., returned home Friday for the holidays. They came alone but will they return alone? Who knows?

School Report.

Report of Monroe City Public School for the month ending Dec. 21, 1901.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of those perfect in attendance department 95, average scholarship 95 with no grade below 95 in more than two studies.

High School.—Cleo Chipman, Julia Megown, Ellen Walker, Daphne Crawford.

Grade 8.—Vivian Veach, Myrtle Tooley, Ennis Green, Mary Kramer, Lida Lane, Rebecca Megown.

Grade 7.—Lambert Lane.

Grade 6.—Richard Hatch, Henry Green, Alice Clark, Ada Shryack, Elma Smith, Ethel Baynum, Mary Stephens.

Grade 5.—Elma Lane, Nina Megown, Cleo Patton, Marguerite Reid, Andrew Robertshaw.

Grade 4.—Homer Vaughn, Fannie Jayne, J. Henderson, Warren Fuqua.

Grade 3.—Mildred Buell, Paul Linn, Mary Wesley, George Tompkins.

Grade 2.—Harold Davenport, Nora Jamison, Ellie Higgs.

Grade 1.—Vivian Clark, Ruth Clark, Archie Clark, Edgar Davenport, Duely Goodman, Richard Jackson, Frank Jayne, Gertrude Robertshaw, Ray Sidener, Bailey Turner, Frank Werner, Gladys Willis.

Grade 4 had the highest per cent of attendance, grade 8, 7,

and 1 no tardies, truants nor corporal punishments during the month and grades 8, 4, 3, 2 and 1 had 100 percent on lines.

Grade cards will be sent to parents during the first week of January giving record made by pupils during the second quarter of school.

The net proceeds of the entertainment, Dec. 13, amounted to \$25.55. With this and amount in hands of treasurer we were able to make a payment of \$45.00 on the piano recently purchased for the school. Teachers and pupils appreciate the interest shown by our citizens in helping to pay for the piano, as was evidenced by the fact that so many braved the stormiest night of the year to attend the entertainment.

The teachers and pupils of High School and grades 8 and 7 enjoyed a rare treat in listening to Hon. W. J. Bryan speak in High School rooms for about 30 minutes on the morning of Dec. 17. Respectfully,

R. S. NICHOLS, Supt.

Sleepy.

Both of the Monroe City papers issued great big double numbers last week, filled up with big, live ads and letters from children to old Santa Claus. If we should get ads enough to increase the size of the Oracle we expect we'd "jst faint."—Paris Appeal.—Fainting fits are generally—with males—caused by over exertion, then why should sleepy editors in sleepy towns fear or expect "we'd jst faint."

G. Bernard Shaw, the eccentric English novelist, essayist and playwright, who is never so happy as when he is stirring up controversy, has lately taken up the cudgels against vaccination. In a speech in London he ridiculed the statistical claims advanced by the vaccinationists, saying they reminded him of the report made upon an investigation into the prevalence of the drink habit in a British regiment in India. "The investigator," said Mr. Shaw, "was informed that 50 per cent of the teetotalers had been invalidated home, while the remaining 50 per cent were dead. Further investigation revealed the fact that the total number of teetotalers in the regiment had been two. One man had been eaten by a tiger and the other had been injured by a pulley block falling on his head."

Big Business.

Saturday was not show day in this city, but a stranger would have thought so after looking at the laughing jesting throng on the business streets. Main St. at times was blocked with wagons, surreys, buggies, sleds and sleighs and all of them contained many bundles that any amateur guesser would say; they are not groceries nor other necessities of life. Another thing could plainly be seen, the merchants who did the heavy advertising were the ones who did the heaviest business. They did not stump their toe nor do any crying when their doors were locked at night.

Bad Accident.

Monday morning William Brown started from home to his place of business and in passing through the front gate slipped, fell on the ice and severely sprained the left knee. His will not be a merry Christmas.

Little Navy Secy.

Secy. Long of the Navy is a tooter with an infinitesimal toot. He has accomplished the expected. He accepted the majority report and approved it. He ignores Amiral Dewey's minority report and declines to consider the Sampson plea for further inquiry because he dares not, because the thing has already blackened his own skirts with a vengeance.

Painfully Injured.

Friday morning while the mercury was shivering around the 20 notch below zero Ambrose Nolen was driving a team and wagon loaded with coal. He drove under a large limb of a tree without seeing it and his chilled, almost frozen face struck it hard and was badly bruised and skinned. In fact it looked like it had come in contact with the business end of a mule.

Monroe Democrats Think.

Speaker Whitecotton, of Monroe county, was in town yesterday, and when questioned concerning the testimony in the Cardwell case, said: "I don't know that my constituents have any opinion on it." Monroe is the county that goes Democratic by 4000 to 800 Republican, but Mr. Whitecotton is probably wrong in supposing that the Democrats in his section have stopped reading and thinking.—Globe Democrat. Mr. Whitecotton may not know it, but there are oodles of Democrats in the county that are doing more thinking than talking at present. They think there is several spoilt eggs that fumigation would not save.

Let No One Suffer.

Friday's Post-Dispatch contained a card from the St. Louis Provident Association, calling attention to the fact that on an average 145 persons have applied for aid each day this bitter cold week, and none has been turned away empty-handed. "Were any cold, fuel, clothing and shoes have been supplied. Were any hungry, food has been given. Were any homeless, lodging and shelter were given in the lodges of the association."—Post Dispatch.—It was the Provident Association that the people of this vicinity shipped a car load of rabbits to three years ago yesterday. It will be remembered that Judge I. D. Fields and the DEMOCRAT got up two rabbit hunts for the St. Louis poor. The first was highly gratifying but the second one only panned out about 1,000 cotton tails.

William Lawson and family, of near Ely, have moved to Alva, Oklahoma.

Charles Lawson, of Ely spent Sunday in the city with his father-in-law W. O. Foreman.

J. N. McClintic, accompanied by Miss McElroy and Miss Emery, was over from Monroe City, Mo., today visiting friends.—Quincy Herald.